(ख) अब तक कितने भवनों का निर्माण हो चुका है, और योजना के अधीन निर्धारित समय सीमा में कितने भवनों का निर्माण नहीं हो पाया है ; और

(ग) क्या भवन निर्माण हेतु आवंटित धनराशि का अन्य कार्यों के लिए प्रयोग किया गया है ?

गैर पारम्परिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री एस. कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) राष्ट्रीय कृषि अनुसंधान प्रायोजना-II के तहत 359.24 लाख रुपये आवंटित किये गये हैं ।

(ख) जवाहर लाल नेहरू कृषि विश्वविद्यालय, जबलपुर (म. प्र.) के तहत अभी तक 19 केन्द्रों में 123 भवनों का निर्माण किया गया है । 21 भवनों का निर्माण किया जाना है । फिर भी इन केन्द्रों में राष्ट्रीय कृषि अनुसंधान प्रायोजना को अमल में लाया जा रहा है ।

(ग) इस प्रकार का कोई मामला जानकारी में नहीं आया है ।

Production of Arecanut

3320. SHRIMATl KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Arecanut (Supari) is one of the cash crops of Southern, Eastern and North Eastern States of India-.

(b) whether if is a fact that arecanut has alternative uses in confectionary, natural colouring, pharmacology and other industrial uses;

(c) whether this crop helps small growers and is a foreign exchange earner; and

(d) if so, what special plans Govern ment have for improvement and incen tive in production of arecanut?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Arecanut is one of the cash crops in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, West Bengal; Assam and Meghalaya.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Arecanut is mainly small and marginal farmers' crop. 640 tonnes of arecanut worth Rs. 4.4 crores was ex-ported during 1991-92.

(d) During 8th Plan, Central Sector Scheme for development of Arecanut is being implemented with an outlay of Rs. 5.00 crores. The measures implemented under the scheme are:—

(i) Control of fruit rot disease by distribution of plant protection chemicals at 50 per cent of the cost;

(ii) Distribution of plant protection equipment with 50 per cent subsidy;

(iii) Control of Ganoderma disease ol arecanut by establishment of replanting and rejuvenation demonstrations;

(iv) Encouraging, irrigation facilities by providing 25 per cent subsidy on cost;

(v) Production and distribution of quality seedlings for under planting/gap filling etc. at 50 per cent subsidy; and

(vi) Eradication of Yellow Leaf disease affected palms by paying compensation at the rate of Rs. 100/-per palm.

Rice Cultivation

3321. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the area under rice production in 1991-92 was about one per cent less than the previous year;

(b) what was the area under rice pro. duction during 1992-93;